

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification at page 1, after the title and the paragraph entitled “RELATED APPLICATIONS” added in the Preliminary Amendment filed July 5, 2005, please delete the heading “Description” and insert the following heading:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

In the specification at page 1, line 13, please insert the following heading:

DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART

In the specification at page 4, line 9, please insert the following paragraphs:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig.1: Storage stability of a nitrilase for producing (R)-mandelic acid. The figure depicts, by way of example, the decrease in the activity (A; in % of the initial activity) of three independent preparations of an *E. coli*-expressed nitrilase without added aldehyde (comparison experiments) over a period of up to 20 days (d).

Fig.2: Storage stability of a nitrilase for producing (R)-mandelic acid. The figure depicts the decrease in the activity (A; in % of the initial activity) of preparations of an *E. coli*-expressed nitrilase without added 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (open circles) as compared with an otherwise identical preparation containing added 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (closed circles). The figure depicts a period (t) of up to 32 days (d).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the specification at page 18, line 45, please delete the heading “Figures.”

In the specification at page 19, please delete the paragraphs located between line 1 and line 19.